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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant is aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

1. X Copies of the listed patents are enclosed for the Examiner's use.
2. X This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application No. PCT/JP02/06422, filed June 26, 2002.
3. X A concise explanation of the relevance of document Cite No. F1 (which is not in the English language), as presently understood by the individual designated under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about its content, is provided as follows.

Cite F1 relates to a water purifying apparatus.

4. X Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document No.	Kind Code	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name
	U1	5,536,395	A	07/16/1996	Kuennen et al.
	U2	5,611,918	A	03/18/1997	Markham

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial	Cite No.	Document No.	Kind Code	Publication Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country	English Abstract Provided	Translation Provided
	F1	JP60/155993	U	10/17/1985	JP		
	F2	JP09-029237	A	02/04/1997	JP	X	X
	F3	JP10-118636	A	05/12/1998	JP	X	X

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